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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Venom of Scorpions of the Genus Centruroides
Inventors: CORONA VILLEGAS *et al.*
Our Ref: 2099.0070001/LBB/LAV

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (3 pp.);
2. Form PTO-1449 listing 18 cited documents (6 pp.);
3. Copies of references AR1, AS1, AT1, AR2, AS2, AT2, AR3, AS3, AT3, AR4, AS4, AT4, AR5, AS5, AT5, AR6, AS6, and AT6 (18 documents); and
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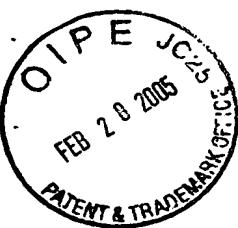
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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. Copies of documents **AR1-AT6** are submitted. However, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), no copies of U.S. patents and patent application publications cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 are submitted.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document, Document **AT3**, cited on Form PTO-1449:

Document **AT3**, Maraboto Martinez, J.A., et al., 3a Reunión de Expertos en Envenenamiento por Animales Ponzoñosos, Instituto de Biotecnología, (1999), is in the Spanish language. A copy of an English language translation of Document **AT3** is

provided and is cited on Form PTO-1449 as Document **AT6**. Document **AT3** is an epidemiological overview of reported intoxications due to poisonous animals in Mexico between the years 1996 and 1998, and was published by the Mexican Institute of Social Security, Direction of Medical Services.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). No statement or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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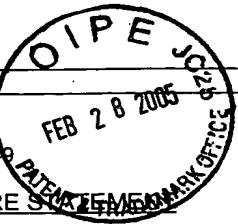


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